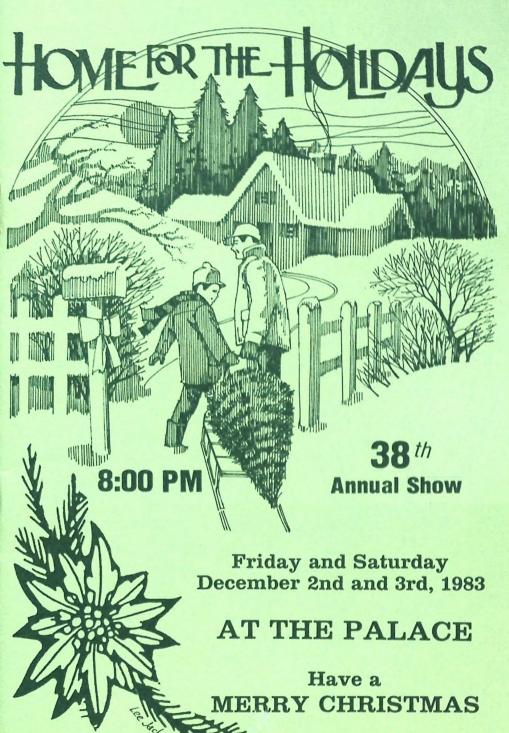
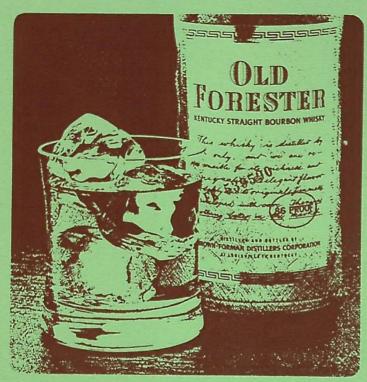
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Bruce Garwood President Thoroughbred Chorus



#### Our Director JIM MILLER

The old saying "good things come in small packages" does not apply when speaking of Jim Miller, Musical Director of the Thoroughbred Chorus. Our "good thing" comes in a very large package indeed. Big not only in stature but in talent, inspiration, dedication and, most of all, heart.

Jim, reluctantly, accepted leadership of the Thoroughbred musical program shortly after our first championship in 1962. He immediately began to prepare himself for the task at hand. That of becoming an "expert" in this barbershopping hobby we all share.

Over the years, Jim has become known, throughout the society, as one of, if not, the foremost authority in the art of chorus directing. His dedication to "improving the breed" is demonstrated many weekends each year as he travels throughout the country teaching other chapters the "Thoroughbred Ways".

Undoubtedly, one of his proudest achievements would be his involvement in leading the Thoroughbreds to five of our six International Championships. In addition, he is one of only seven men, in our barbershopping society of 38,000, who proudly hold six coveted gold medals.

One could only speculate as to where the Thoroughbreds would be were it not for Jim's leadership. Where the energy comes from . . . no one knows. One thing for sure . . . we're all extremely proud that he's on our team.

#### Gordon L. Richens 1930 - 1983

Our show this evening is dedicated to the memory of Gordon Richens. "Gordo", as he was known to most of us, was an active member of the Thoroughbred chorus since 1962. Many of you will remember him as our MC for the annual show, package parade shows and announcer on many of the Thoroughbred records.

Named Thoroughbred of the Year in 1963 and having served as President of the

chapter in 1969 Gordo was a real contributor to the chapter and his wit and creative humor are very much a part of our chapter's history, and success.

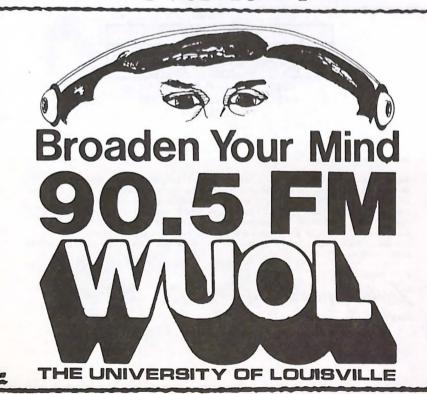
The society's AICC (Association of International Chorus Champion) now defunct, was his idea and he originated this group's annual meeting at the International Convention for a number of years. One little known fact is that Gordo encouraged and gave the International Championship, Blue Grass Student Union their name when the quartet was formed.

We'll miss him but cherish the memories of many years he brightened our society and our lives, and as we sing tonight we are very much aware of Gordo's contributions. To Bonnie, and the girls, Chrisy and Sandy and families we extend our sincere sympathy and our wish is that "Home for the Holidays", will serve as a real tribute to our friend, Gordon.





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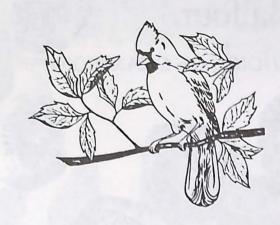
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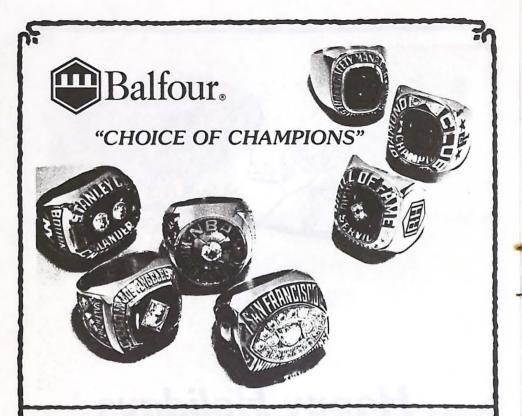
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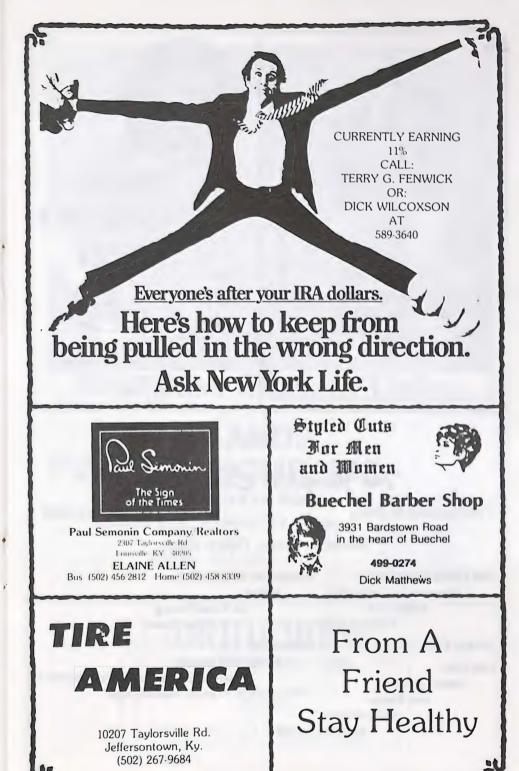
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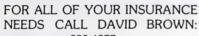
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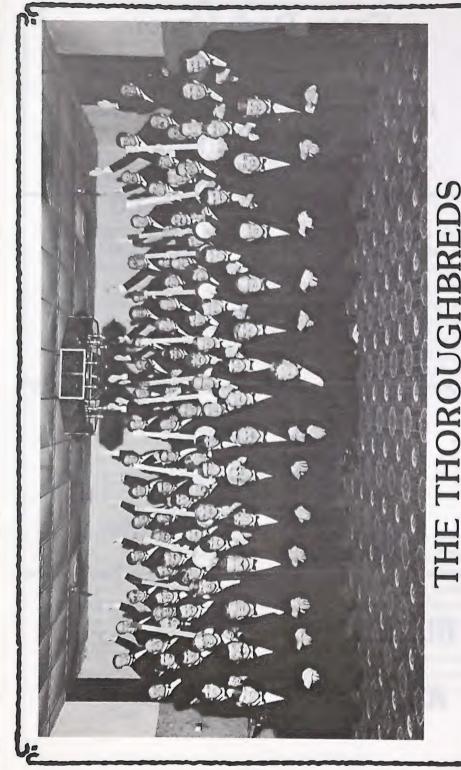


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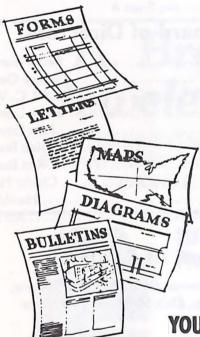
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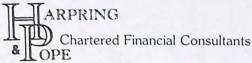
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